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14 avril 1998

**Permanent Mission of the
Republic of Macedonia
to the United Nations**

**Permanent Mission of the Democratic
Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
to the United Nations**

April 10, 1998

Excellency,

We have the honor to inform you that as from today April 10, 1998, diplomatic relations have been established between the Governments of the Republic of Macedonia and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

We, therefore kindly request Your Excellency to have the enclosed Joint Communiqué, circulated as a document of the United Nations to all Member States for their information.

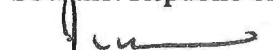
Please accept, Excellency the assurances of our highest consideration.

For the Government of the
Republic of Macedonia


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Plenipotentiary,
Permanent Representative of the
Republic Macedonia
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For the Government of the Democratic
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Joint Communiqué
on the establishment of Diplomatic relations between
the Republic of Macedonia and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

The Government of the Republic of Macedonia and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, guided by mutual willingness to develop friendly relations and cooperation between the two States in political, trade, economic and other fields, have decided to establish diplomatic relations at Ambassadorial level with effect from the date of signature of the present Joint Communiqué.

The two countries have agreed to establish diplomatic relations based on the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of April 18, 1961 and principles and norms of the Charter of the United Nations and International Law.

The Republic of Macedonia and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka are fully convinced that the establishment of diplomatic relations corresponds to the interests of both states and will further strengthen international peace and security.

In witness whereof, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have signed this Joint Communiqué in duplicate in Macedonian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

Done in New York, on April 10, 1998.

For the Government of the
Republic of Macedonia

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